

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
February 14, 2011

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Tom McQuinn, Pat Haskins, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff

Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd

Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the January 10, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Otto seconded the motion.

Voice Vote -

Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris reported that she has changed to a new data base which is working out very nicely. Her report has a new look. She explained that \$109,303 was taken out of her probation fund and placed in the general fund. She had the \$109,303 placed back in her fund. Approval of \$79,549.23 was granted from the chief judge to be disbursed to the county fund for salaries from the probation fund disbursed. She talked about the proposed study to remodel the probation area in the courthouse basement. She asked if there would

be restrooms included in the proposal. Restrooms would be looked into.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported about funds taken in.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings explained the new design for the Treasurers Report which she hoped was easier to understand. She passed out informational sheets in regard to the new procedures for dog tags in Ford County. New charges will be \$10.00 for 1 year tag and \$25 for 3 year tag.

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers reports and to place them on file. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Candice Short, Supervisor of Assessments, reported that she is continuing to receive re-imbursements from the IDOT Grant. She also reported that she will be ordering 100 more plat books, since she only has 33 books remaining.

Dennis Higgins received the EMS accreditation certificate. He is working on receiving public assistance funds to help with the snow storm expense.

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen reported that the Extension has asked that Dave Hastings continue to sit on their existing board. The board okayed that request. Bowen said that he has received two applications for filling the vacant board position in district 1. They are Rod Steiger and Jason Johnson. Bowen has consulted with the Republican precinct committeeman Chairman, Eric Thompson whose committee will recommend an applicant to the Ford County Board. The position will be filled at the March 14, board meeting.

Bowen attended windfarm meetings for the E.On project.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous